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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d)

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document that is not a U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith.

An explanation of relevance of JPA 2002-175170 may be found in the English abstract attached thereto, and in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0259549, which is in the same patent family. JPA 2002-175170 is identified in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated January 20, 2009, in connection with a counterpart Japanese patent application.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the document be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the document has been considered.

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